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SPRING FLOWERS BY THE TON

Golden harvest of the Scilly Isles

Tons of daffodils and narcissi are leaving the Scilly Isles every other day for markets in London and the Midlands. During a normal season the islands export about a thousand tons of blooms, and most of them are carried to Penzance by the island-owned steamer, The R.M.V. Scillonian. The rest are flown from St. Mary's to Land's End Airport by British European Airways.

The Scilly Isles, about 30 miles to the south-west of Land's End, comprise five inhabited islands and some 140 smaller islands and

schoolchildren, are all called on to help. Picking the blooms in the small fields begins early in the morning and goes on until dusk. In the large glasshouses on every flower farm, the nimble fingers of women sort the blooms into bunches of twelve, secured with two rubber bands. Then the flowers are packed in strong cardboard boxes, 24 bunches to a box.

The Scilly Isles have mild winters with only an occasional frost. But during the flower season they are subject to gales,



Packing flowers on a farm in St. Mary's

rocks. The biggest island, and the centre of trade for them all, is St. Mary's, with a population of 1,400.

Every square yard of suitable land on the islands is devoted to the cultivation of flowers, mainly of kinds of narcissus and daffodil. Bulbs are planted between July and September, and with favourable weather the first flowers, heavily-perfumed white narcissi, are picked at the end of November. By January the main crop of golden narcissus is ready, followed by a variety of daffodils until the end of April when the export tonnage drops to two or three tons every other day.

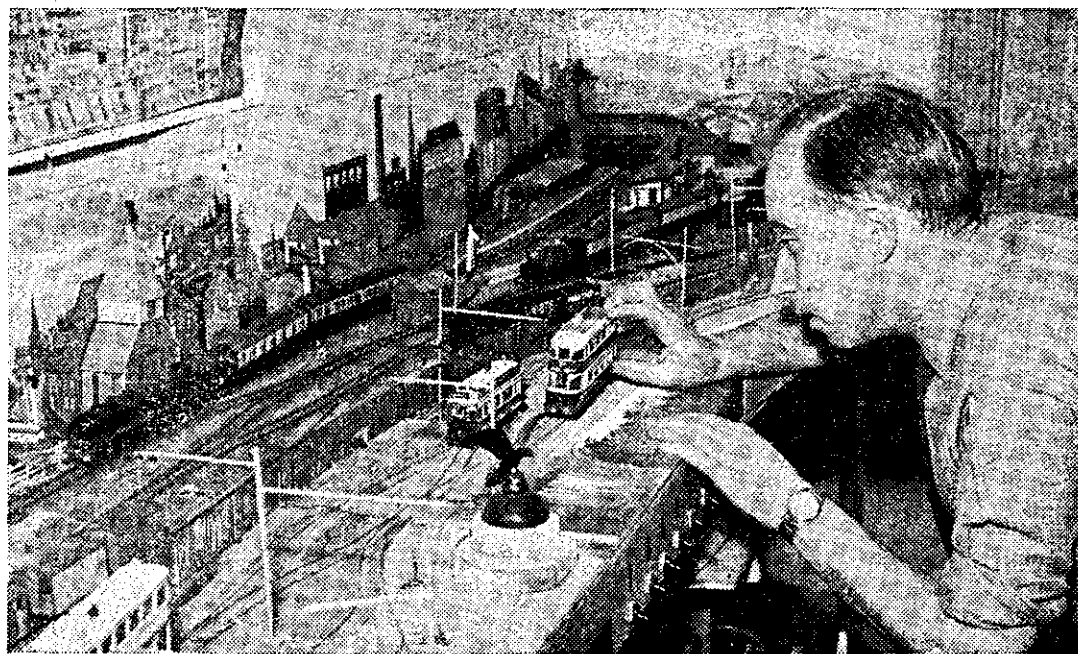
The gathering, bunching, packing, and dispatching of the golden harvest of flowers is the all-important task in the Scillies during the season. Farm-workers, housewives, students, and (if required)

often severe. Many a grower has had to stand by helpless while his crop of blooms has been torn to ribbons. As protection, the flower fields have thick evergreen hedges of pitisporum, a delightful flowering shrub which provides an excellent windbreak.

Outdoor flower growing, even in the Scillies, is indeed a risky business. There is an unceasing battle against diseases which attack bulbs. In recent years, too, the growers have faced fierce competition, particularly from the Channel Islands. Then there is the increasing cost of transport by sea or air, and then rail.

When glutted markets bring prices down to two or three coppers a bunch, the growers simply allow the blooms to stay in the fields. But despite all the risks, the flower growers of the Scilly Isles remain cheerful.

ALL HIS OWN WORK



This splendid model station, complete with two passenger trains and a goods train and with a tramway running beside it, was all made by the same clever pair of hands. They belong to Geoffrey Swift of Herne Hill, London

Cold comfort

For a good many years medical scientists at Salisbury research station have been trying to find the centre of the common cold. Now it seems that they may at last be within sight of success. They have captured certain viruses from people suffering from colds, including one of the scientists, and have been able to grow more of them in the laboratory.

It remains to be seen, however, whether the captured viruses are

the real villains, and also whether there is only one kind of cold virus or several. The doctors should know the answer in about a year's time, says their leader, Dr. C. H. Andrews.

If their hopes are realised, it will be possible to produce a vaccine which would spare us the misery of the common cold and also save the working time, worth millions of pounds, which is lost to the nation every year.

200 YEARS OF IRON-MAKING

Two hundred years ago John Guest, a middle-aged Shropshire farmer, mounted an old grey mare and rode into the Welsh hills. He was making for Dowlais, near Merthyr Tydfil in Glamorgan, where he was to open a new iron-works. When he died in 1785 it was a thriving business.

His son Thomas took over its management and he in turn passed it on to his son, who became Sir John Guest, M.P.,

made the Dowlais works the biggest in the world, and gained for himself the title of "Iron King."

There is still an iron foundry in Dowlais which bears the proud name of Guest over its gates. One of the most modern in the world, it is celebrating its 200th anniversary this month.

OLD CAT AND MOUSE

"Our cat Sarah, who was 21 last September, today caught a mouse. Is this a record?"

That unusual query reached us the other day, in a letter from reader Lana Rosser of Brockham Green, Surrey; and it was responsible for a member of the CN staff doing a little research work on the subject of cats.

He discovered that 21 years is normally regarded as a very great age for cats, even if they do have nine lives. But he also learned (from *The Guinness Book of Records*) that there is an authentic case of a female tabby—"Ma" of Drewsteighnton, Devon—who was put to sleep on November 5, 1957, in her 35th year! That must surely be a record.

As to old cats catching mice, there are, alas, no records; but we cannot help wondering if the mouse caught by Lana's cat was also getting on in years.

Heads of State for a Carnival



Finishing touches being put to a clay head of General de Gaulle to be seen in the carnival at Viareggio, Italy, next Sunday, in company with the heads of President Eisenhower and Mr. Krushchev, and another of Mr. Macmillan

Santa Claus gave her a holiday in Norway

Six-year-old Angela Johnstone, of Manchester, is on a three-month holiday in the Norwegian health resort of Geilo; and all because she wrote a letter to "Santa Claus, Frosty Palace, Norway."

The letter reached Norway and among the people who read it was a Bergen businessman, Mr. Lein.

Mr. Lein learned that Angela suffered from asthma, so he arranged with Santa Claus for Angela to spend a holiday at the Norwegian health clinic in Geilo.

The Government is to give whole-hearted support to a Ten-Year Plan for a new Youth Service. Modern clubs are to be created, under modern-minded leaders, to benefit all young people between 14 and 20; clubs which will help them with their special problems; clubs which will develop their skills and enthusiasms; clubs which will satisfy their longing for gaiety and excitement; clubs which provide the recreation young people themselves want, not what many of their seniors think they ought to want.

At the same time he himself is to preside over a new body of 12 members, called the Youth Service Development Council, to supervise the growth of this national movement. This will involve spending £3,000,000 in the next two years on new buildings alone. Grants will be given to self-help enterprises—for instance, where young people may themselves want to build their own club. Various voluntary bodies which have been trying for many



This brings us to what is perhaps the chief reason for the Government's new urgency—the generally poor state of the Youth Service despite the valiant efforts

As Lady Albemarle writes in the report: "The effort to understand (young people) lies at the basis of all virtue; it is surely here that the nation can make a beginning."

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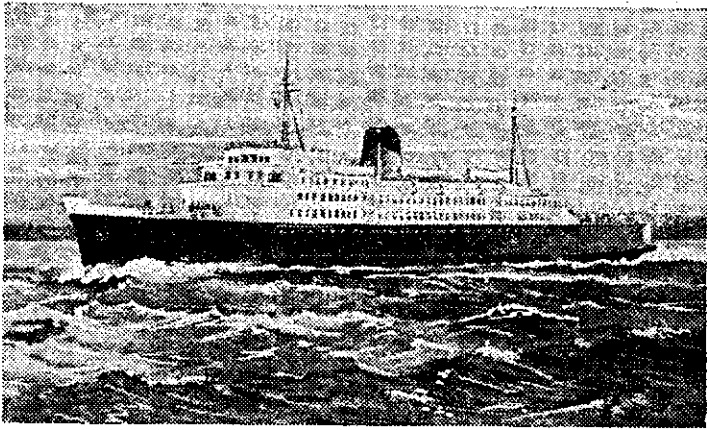
**Ferry boat and fishing vessels at Castlebay,
in the Hebridean island of Barra**

OUR HOMELAND

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Holiday ship



An artist's impression of the Caesarea, one of the two new liners ordered by British Railways for the Channel Islands services. Each ship will be able to carry up to 1,400 passengers, and sheltered seating for them all will be among the modern comforts provided.

Launched recently at Cowes and due for completion in September, the Caesarea bears the Roman name for the island of Jersey.

Ipswich children form own club

Children living on a big housing estate in the Ipswich suburb of Chantry have formed their own youth club by their own efforts. The Mayor of Ipswich, Councillor Richard Lewis, is taking a fatherly interest in their plans, but the children are doing all their own organising. There are about 1,500 children on the estate.

The chairman of the scheme, 14-year-old Michael Carter, told a CN correspondent, "We had nothing to do in the evening but watch television and so we decided to form a club."

SEEING BRITAIN BY BOAT

Britain has over 2,000 miles of navigable rivers and canals and lakes, and more and more people every year are finding that they offer wonderful opportunities for a quiet holiday amid grand scenery. Seeing Britain from a boat is fun, too.

Readers who are interested in such a holiday would do well to get a new illustrated book which is packed with information on the subject. It is called *Holidays on Britain's Inland Waterways*, and can be obtained for 1s. 6d. (post free) from the British Travel and Holidays Association, 64 St. James's Street, London, S.W.1.

Oil port for Edinburgh

A big oil storage depot is to be built at Granton, Edinburgh, by the Regent Oil Company. It will be ready in two years' time.

At this new harbour on the Firth of Forth, tankers of up to 16,000 tons will be able to unload big supplies of oil for distribution later by road and rail. The great storage tanks, built underground, hold eight million gallons of fuel, pumped directly from the tankers through 3,000 feet of pipeline.

CARPETS FOR COLD FEET

"Turn on the carpet, Dad." This is a request that may soon be heard in British homes, for the electrically-heated carpet has arrived. A sort of big brother of the electric blanket, the new carpet will be on show in London next week, at the International Carpet and Floor Coverings Fair at Earls Court.

Fitted with a 1,000-watt heater and available in three plain colours, it is the first carpet of its kind to be produced in Britain.

COUNTING THE AMERICANS

The U.S. is to take a census of its people on 1st April. At the last census, in 1950, the population was nearly 151 million; this year it is expected to be about 30 million higher.

The first U.S. census was taken in 1790, when only 17 States were concerned and the population was under four million. Since then, as required under the American Constitution, a census has been taken every ten years. The figures help in the redistribution of seats in the House of Representatives, made on a basis of the population of each State. The papers also provide useful information about

the work and habits of the people. Census papers will be sent next month to every home in the United States. They will be collected on 1st April, and the information in them will quickly be transferred to official records.

30 MILLION ON HOLIDAY

Everyone is hoping that this Summer will follow last year's example, which gave British resorts a record season. A recent survey shows that of 30 million people who went on holiday, 28 million visited British resorts.

Entry Forms are still available for

The CN National Handwriting Test

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THE 1960 *Children's Newspaper* Handwriting Test, now in progress, is arousing tremendous interest. The number of schools taking part is greater than ever before, and still the applications come.

Teachers who wish their pupils to enter still have time to apply for Entry Forms, or for additional supplies. The competition is for all full-time pupils of schools and colleges in Great Britain, all Ireland, and the Channel Islands who are under 18. There are FOUR AGE GROUPS, too, each with prizes for schools as well as pupils; the full list of these awards—totalling £1,000 in value—to be made for the best entries is given below.

Entrants simply have to copy the Test Passage—a short paragraph on Road Safety printed on the Entry Form, and

which all boys and girls should take to heart—in their normal handwriting as taught in school.

The Entry Forms can be issued only through schools. If you would like to win for your school as well as for yourself, please show this page to your Teacher, and (unless the school has already applied) ask him or her kindly to complete the coupon here and send it to CN. Entries must be completed on the special Entry Form.

There is no entry fee, but when returned every Form must have affixed to it one of the Tokens (marked "CN Writing Test 1960") cut from *Children's Newspaper*. There is one at the foot of the back page of this issue, and it will continue to appear weekly until the closing date of the Test—Thursday, 31st March.

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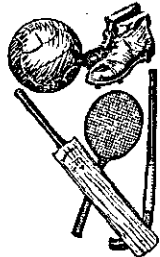
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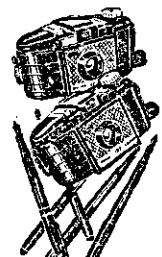


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NOTE TO TEACHERS . . .

The Entry Form contains the Test Passage, space for the pupil's effort, and the full rules, and is issued only to schools on request. If desired, a specimen copy will be sent before the full request is made.

Teachers are asked kindly to assess the number of forms required as closely as possible, and to send for them on this coupon. The supply will then be sent free and post free, to be handed out at school.

The Test effort may be done in school or at home, at the discretion of the Teacher, who is asked to sign it on completion.

Last date for form applications is Monday, 29th February. Closing date for entries, Thursday, 31st March, and these when completed are to be sent in accordance with the rules on the Entry Form.

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BACK TO THE DAYS OF THE CIVIL WAR

PEOPLE of all ages watch the Sunday serials in B.B.C. Junior TV. *The Secret Garden* comes to an end next Sunday, and already I have been asked by several grown-ups what is next.

Beginning on 28th February is a six-part TV version of Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch's historical novel, *The Splendid Spur*. This is a rousing story of Cavaliers and Roundheads during the Civil War of the 1640s.

Patrick Troughton stars as Captain Luke Settle, with Nigel Arkwright as Hannibal Tingcomb, and Victoria Watts as the young heroine, Delya Killigrew.

There is a lot of horse-riding, which happens to be Victoria's speciality, as you may remember from seeing the way she galloped around in *The Three Golden Nobles* serial. Victoria, who is 23, lives in the New Forest and rides her own pony.



Victoria Watts

Jack Marvel, her friend in the serial, is played by 23-year-old Kenneth Farrington. This will be his first TV part; he left the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art only six weeks ago.

Day with the Lord Mayor

DEAF or not, all children can enjoy *Citizen of York*, a new B.B.C. film in the For Deaf Children programme this Wednesday. It shows how the Lord Mayor of York goes round the City with a boy and girl from the Yorkshire Residential School for the Deaf, Doncaster. They are Jennifer

Quick (13) of Bessearr, Doncaster, and Trevor Thompson (14) of Lincoln.

The Lord Mayor is seen taking them around in his car as he goes about his work.

For children who are not deaf there is a commentary spoken by Phillip Robinson.

THERE is plenty of shooting but no one ever gets hurt in an entirely new type of Western which Granada are bringing to ITV's children's programmes next week. The series begins at 5 p.m. on Thursday, 25th February.

All the actors are marionettes worked by wires which are so thin that they are almost invisible on the TV screen. Each 15-minute episode was filmed exactly like a feature picture, with sets, locations, and special lighting effects. By means of electronic devices, the puppets' lips move in exact time with the voices.

Called *Four Feather Falls*, the dramas have as hero an indomitable sheriff, Tex Tucker. His horse, Rocky, and his dog, Dusty, can both talk. Tex has magic guns which fire themselves when

PROGRAMMES and PEOPLE on TV and RADIO by Ernest Thomson

he is in danger, and the bullets knock the weapons out of the hands of anyone attacking him.

Watch out for other colourful characters. Pedro and Fernando are Mexican bandits. Slim Jim is a barman and Dan Morse works the telegraph. We will meet Grandpa Twink, the oldest inhabitant, and his small grandson, Jake. There is an Indian chief, Kalamakooya, with his son Makoooya. Marvin Jackson is the banker.

The settings in the Slough film

CRUMPET DISLIKES LEOPARDS

HAVE you met Crumpet? Certainly, if you watch I.T.V.'s *Rendezvous* adventure series on Thursday nights. Crumpet is the border collie who appears with American actor Charles Drake (not comedian Charlie Drake) at the beginning of each episode and again at the end.

Crumpet's official name in the Kennel Club books is Comeragh Paddy. He is an obedience champion, and his owner, Mrs. Beryl Langley, is rightly proud of him. "He loves filming and public appearances," Mrs. Langley told me. "When we were making the pictures, Crumpet used to sit expectantly at the window of our Mortlake home, waiting for the car to take us to the Elstree film studios."

"Only once was he unhappy on the film set. It was in an episode featuring a leopard. Somewhere at the back of the studio—I couldn't see it, nor could Crumpet—the leopard was waiting in its cage. The moment we went in, Crumpet froze stiff and was uneasy all day. It's the old story



Tex Tucker, his horse Rocky, and Red Scalp, the Indian brave

studios would remind you of Lilliput. The houses stand about three feet high, and when Tex Tucker rides out with Rocky and Dusty, he does so across a prairie measuring 30 feet by 15 feet, complete with trees, rocks, and scrubland. There is also the dusty

main street of Four Feather Falls, Lilliput. The houses stand about three feet high, and when Tex Tucker rides out with Rocky and Dusty, he does so across a prairie measuring 30 feet by 15 feet, complete with trees, rocks, and scrubland. There is also the dusty

Not lazy—or too lazy to write

So there are no lazy children—or are they too lazy to write? B.B.C. features producer David Thompson is wondering about this after receiving more than 100 letters from lazy people. They were in answer to his appeal for persons who admit they are idle and are ready to explain why in a future radio programme on Laziness.

"Only one young person has written," I was told. "She is a schoolgirl of 18, and said her laziness is the cause of her still being at school."

The shortest letter came from a man. "I am lazy," it said, followed by his signature.

COOKERY CLUB BOYS

THOSE TV chefs, Fanny and Johnnie Craddock, told me recently that boys are showing an increasing interest in cooking. And the B.B.C. have discovered at least two boys who watch the Women's TV Cookery Club, and make up the recipes.

Young David Sweeney of Liverpool wrote for a recipe of the Queen of Puddings which, he said, looked "so mouth-watering" on the screen. And Colin Smith, of Aberdeen, wrote saying he had tried cooking oven scones and pancakes from the TV instructions and now wanted to become a baker when he grew up.

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Charles Drake and Crumpet

of dogs not liking the cat tribe!" Crumpet, who is five, has a half-sister named Muffin, also an obedience champion. They had a

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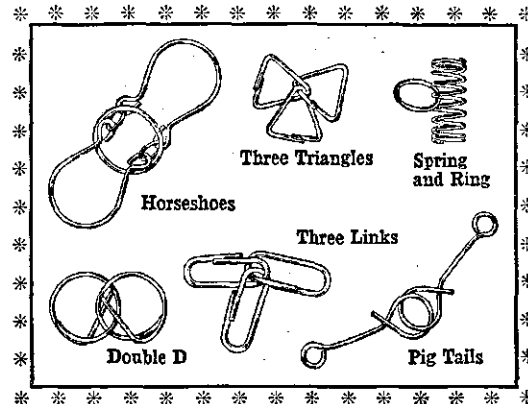
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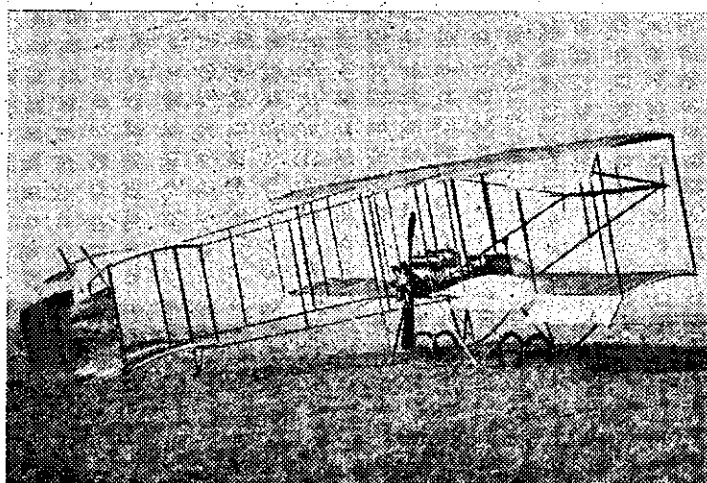
50 years of Bristol aircraft

Impressed by the Wright brothers' epic flight at Kitty Hawk, a British pioneer of electric tramways decided that he, too, would build aeroplanes. The man who made this decision was Sir George White. He founded the Bristol Aeroplane Company, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this week.

Flights of the first Bristol aircraft, the "stick and string" Boxkite biplane, were measured in yards. But only a few months after the company was first

Allied aircraft. Over 4,500 Fighters were built, and many saw service long after the war. Another Bristol design of that period was the Braemar, which did not go into production because the war ended; from this, however, was developed the Pullman, the first fully-enclosed airliner ever built.

In the early thirties the Bristol Aeroplane Company designed a twin-engined transport monoplane known as the "Britain First." During official trials in 1935 this



The Boxkite, first of a famous line

founded, Boxkites were in production, and in September 1910 one of the machines had the distinction of making the first military flight in history. This was a reconnaissance during British Army manoeuvres on Salisbury Plain.

Within a few months the Company was making great progress. Sales missions were sent to Australia, India, and other countries, and Bristol aircraft were sold to Russia, Sweden, Spain, France, Italy, Turkey, Rumania, and Bulgaria.

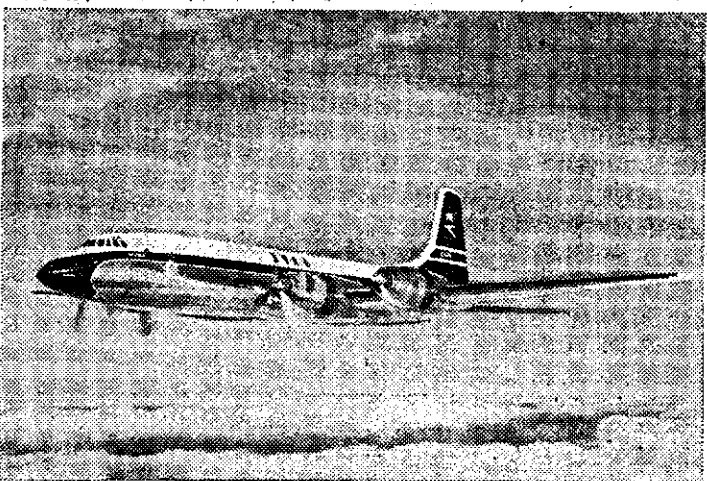
The first Bristol produced in the First World War was the single-seater Scout. In 1916 came the famous Bristol Fighter F2B, the first real two-seater fighter, and one of the outstandingly successful

plane amazed Service authorities by reaching a speed of over 300 m.p.h.—some 50 m.p.h. faster than that of any fighter then in service.

From the Britain First was soon to be developed the famous Blenheim bomber.

By the outbreak of the Second World War Bristol were making a major contribution to the R.A.F.'s growing strength. Within 45 minutes of the declaration of war, Blenheims took off on the R.A.F.'s first offensive operation against the enemy—a reconnaissance of the German fleet which lay at anchor off Kiel. The following day Blenheims attacked the fleet, the first R.A.F. bombing sortie of the war.

From that day onward, Bristol aircraft and engines were con-



A Bristol Britannia turboprop airliner of B.O.A.C.

LOOKING AT THE SKY

Uranus at its nearest

THAT strange and remote world of Uranus is now at about its nearest to us and well placed for observation. It may easily be found high in the south-east sky on any moonless evening such as we shall have during the next fortnight.

The later the planet is looked for the easier it will be to find. After about 8 p.m. it may be readily spotted and its progress noted during the next three to four months.

The accompanying star-map shows the relationship of Uranus to the six bright stars which form the distinctive "Sickle of Leo."

Though the planet appears to the naked eye as a faint star of only about 5½ magnitude, to sharp eyes it will be quite distinct if there are no artificial lights about and there is no haze. Uranus will appear nearly as bright as the star Psi, which will be seen a little to the left of the planet.

stantly in action. Development of the Blenheim led to the Beaufort torpedo bomber and then to the Beaufighter, which was used as a night-fighter as well as for attacking ships, tanks, and trains. Altogether, well over 14,000 Bristol aircraft and more than 100,000 Bristol engines—over half of them Hercules—were produced during the War.

World's biggest land plane

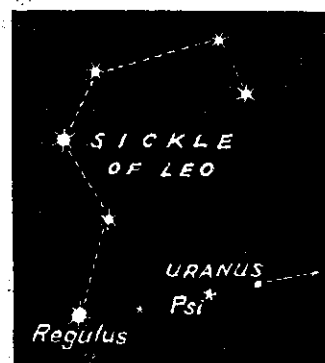
Since 1945 the company has introduced many new planes. It produced the Brabazon, the world's largest land plane; and the Freighter, one of the most successful post-war British aircraft. The Helicopter Department has produced the Sycamore, the first British helicopter to gain a Certificate of Airworthiness, and the twin-engine Bristol 192, now in production for the R.A.F.

The most important Bristol project in post-war days has been the Britannia airliner. First flown in August 1952, and still the largest and fastest turboprop airliner in international service, this aircraft has set high standards of reliability, safety, and passenger comfort. Eighty Britannias have been sold, and are in service with six major airlines and with R.A.F. Transport Command.

Probing the heat barrier

More recently the company has made the Bloodhound anti-aircraft missiles, which are now in service with the R.A.F. as standard weapons for the air defence of the United Kingdom. And some time this year we shall see the Bristol 188, an all-steel 2,000 m.p.h. research plane which will be used to gain information about the heat barrier.

The Bristol Aeroplane Company's 50 years covers almost the entire span of powered flight. In the dawning space age, the company will no doubt continue to keep Britain's name well to the fore.



Present position of Uranus, the arrow showing its path during the next six weeks

If binoculars or some kind of magnification are used, Uranus will stand out clearly and appear brighter than the many faint stars which will then be revealed; moreover, these faint stars will enable the movement of Uranus to be more easily seen. The arrow on the star-map shows the extent of this during the next six weeks.

It was not until the year 1781 that the existence of Uranus was discovered, in spite of its huge size—some 50 times that of Earth. It is, of course, the immense distance of Uranus that makes it appear so faint and small. At present Uranus is about 1,628 million miles away and at its nearest to us for this year.

Uranus takes a little over 84 of our years to complete one revolution round the Sun, so birthdays would be few and far between if we lived in the dim twilight world of Uranus.

For the past 35 years, Uranus has been coming four million miles nearer to us each year and will reach its nearest in about 1967. It will also be at its nearest to the Sun then, and astronomers will be able to see this strange world at its brightest. It may be that another satellite will be discovered to add to the five already known to be possessed by Uranus.

Five satellites

These satellites are none of them as large as our Moon and they reflect very little of the sunlight. Four of them—Ariel, Umbriel, Titania, and Oberon—were discovered about the middle of last century by Sir William Herschel. Not until the 16th February, 1948, was another satellite found. Named Miranda, it was discovered at the MacDonald Observatory in Texas.

These moons of Uranus all possess the singular motion of travelling from south to north across the sky of Uranus, which also rotates in the same direction—differently from all other planets.

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GREAT EXCITEMENT IN SQUAW VALLEY

A THOUSAND skiers and skaters of 34 nations are now gathered in Squaw Valley, a little corner of California where Indians used to leave their squaws while they went hunting.

A few years ago Squaw Valley was known only to a few enthusiastic skiers. Now, quite transformed, it is a perfect setting for the Eighth Winter Olympic Games starting on Thursday. An ice arena seating 11,000 spectators, an artificially refrigerated speed skating track, ski lifts and jumps, ski slalom tracks—all these have been specially built in Squaw Valley at a cost of over £5,000,000.

Most of the spectators, of course, will be Americans and it seems likely that they will have plenty of opportunity for applauding winners from their own country. The gold medal for figure skating, for example, seems almost to have been reserved for 20-year-old Carol Heiss of New York. Runner-up in the 1956 Olympics, she has since won the world title four times in succession. The men's figure-skating championship is also almost certain to be won by an American. The daring, acrobatic jumps and

spins of David Jenkins make him a firm favourite for this event.

How stands Britain in these individual contests? In the women's skating we are represented by Pat Pauley and 16-year-old Carolyn Kraus. In the European championships last week Pat came seventh and Carolyn was twelfth, and those are approximately the positions Pat and Carolyn may occupy in the Winter Olympics.

Our men figure skaters are Robin Jones and David Clements, and here again we may look at the European championships results for some guide to Olympic prospects. At Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Robin, who is only 16, skated to tenth place, and David Clements was seventh.

In the speed skating event honours are likely to go to competitors from those countries where the frost comes earliest and lasts longest. Russians, Finns, and Norwegians will probably contest the last places for a gold medal in this exhausting sport. In ice hockey, Russia, U.S.A., and Canada, the medal winners four years ago, are again likely to be concerned in the final stages.

In the ski-ing events Britain can

expect to finish no higher than half-way up the list, and this is hardly surprising if we remember what little snow we usually get in this country. Among our competitors will be Norman Shutt, who was so determined to be included in our team, that he went to Canada two years ago so as to spend as much time on the snow as possible.

Norman is one of the British competitors in the cross-country events and the biathlon, included this year for the first time—and the last.

These events, contested on distances of up to 30 miles, demand the utmost stamina and skill. The skier must be an expert at climbing steep slopes and flashing down them; at travelling through wooded country; at pushing along speedily on level stretches. In these events the Norwegians, Finns, and Swedes are supreme.

The biathlon is a combination of cross-country skiing and rifle-shooting. Each competitor sets off on the 12½-mile course carrying rifle, pack, and ammunition. At four different ranges en route they must fire five shots at a target.

Picture of grace

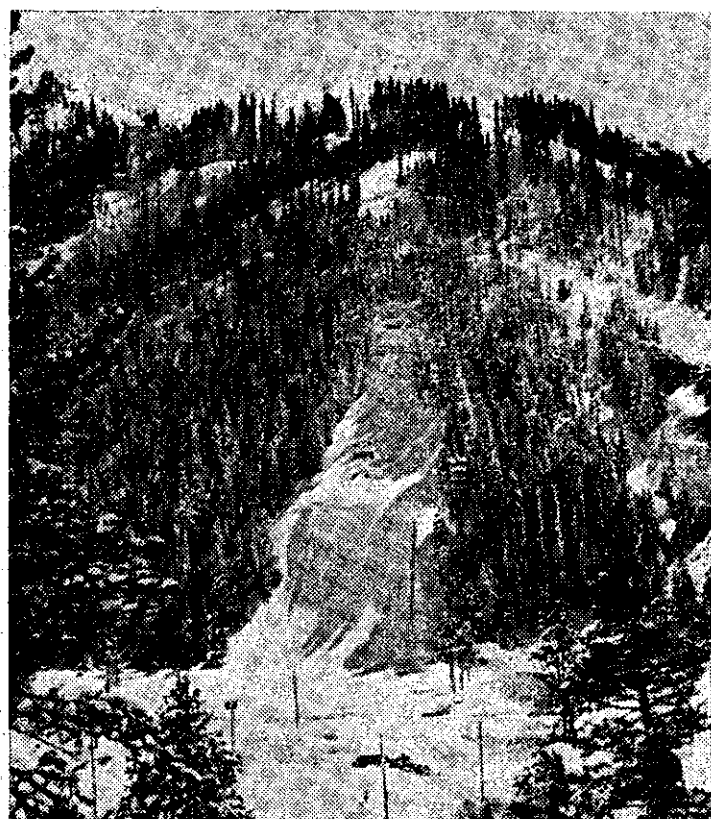
Ski-jumping is perhaps the most thrilling of all winter sports. There are few sights more exciting; and indeed more beautiful, than a skier soaring upwards from a height of some 260 feet to swoop through the air to a point up to 300 feet away.

Hardly less exciting are the downhill races, in which competitors may reach speeds of 80 miles an hour, slalom skiing, a weaving downhill obstacle race through 40 "gates" and the giant slalom, a combination of both events.

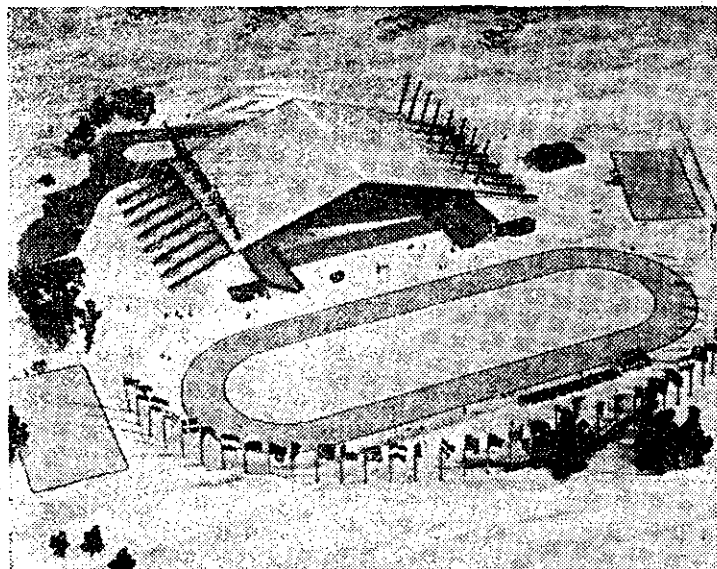
The Winter Games will last eleven days; and the Olympic Flame will burn brightly throughout. Lit in a cabin in Norway, taken by skiers to a plane, flown across to California, and carried in procession by 550 schoolboys to a final relay of skiers, it will symbolise the spirit of the Olympic Games, in which, as the motto states: The important thing is not to win, but to take part.



Through the air with the greatest of ease



The ski-jumping course on Pápoose Peak



An artist's impression of the ice arena and speed skating track



Challenger and favourite—Britain's Pat Pauley and America's Carol Heiss



Japanese speed skaters going through their paces for the Winter Olympics

Great Salmon Mystery

Where is their hiding place in the ocean?

THE salmon has a fascinating life history, and it contains at least one great mystery. Where does it feed in the sea? Nobody knows what happens to the salmon which breed in our rivers from the time they swim across the divide between fresh and salt water at the river's mouth till the time they return to breed, between 18 months and four years later.

It is in the late Autumn, usually in November or December, that the eggs of the salmon are laid and fertilised, high up the river, near where it rises in the hills. This takes place in a little hollow

veritable grandmother of a fish has been known to live for 13 years and spawn four times.

In the Spring the young salmon, known at first as fry, grow quickly into fish with black and red spots. These are called parr. When two or three years old the parr become silvery smolts.

The smolts swim off down the river, and one day in early Summer they literally go off into the blue, into the depths of the ocean. They are scarcely ever seen again until they return as grilse to ascend the rivers for spawning, perhaps years later.

have some idea of the long journeys they can undertake. We now know that salmon can travel many hundreds of miles from the river where they were born, and to which they return. But we still do not know just where they spend all these years at sea, except for the Swedish salmon, which do not seem to go outside the Baltic Sea.

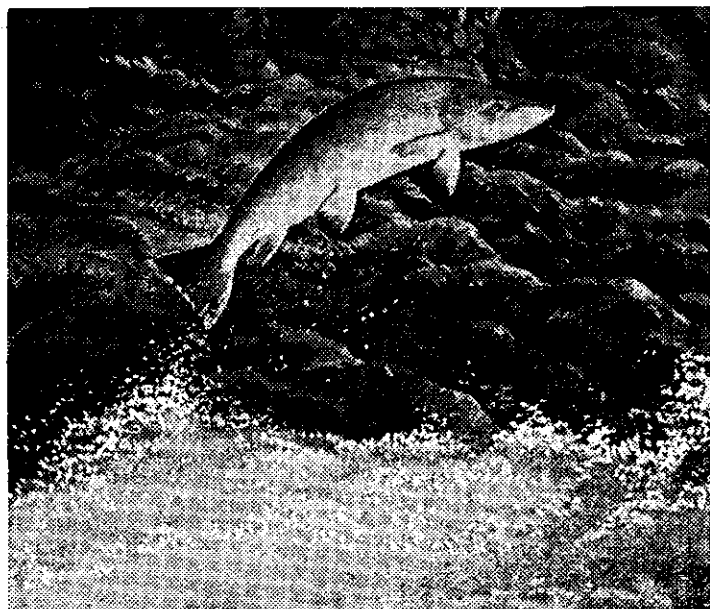
A Canadian salmon, marked in the St. Lawrence River, was caught in a sea-net 2,000 miles away up the coast of Labrador. A salmon tagged off the coast of Norway has been recovered in the White Sea off northern Russia, 1,600 miles away. Scottish salmon have often travelled from 400 to 600 miles, but none of them have yet been proved to cross the Atlantic.

When they are in the sea salmon normally travel at a rate between 10 and 25 miles a day, but there was one Norwegian salmon which swam for an average of 62 miles a day for ten days.

It has been suggested that Canadian and European salmon may have a common feeding ground in the Atlantic Ocean, perhaps near Iceland. (You may remember that both European and American eels have a common breeding ground in the Atlantic, near the Sargasso Sea.) The scales of salmon have given scientists a clue to this, for they increase in size as the salmon grows, and grow faster in warm water. From the growth-rings on the scales of grilse caught offshore or in rivers in the Spring, it is thought that they have been in a place where the water is cold in Winter but warmer in Summer.

Perhaps the salmon have found some spot deep in the North Atlantic where there is an abundance of plankton food in Summer, as there so often is in the Arctic, and then have to fast in the Winter. But a measure of fame awaits the person who can prove just where our salmon go.

RICHARD FITTER



Salmon leaping on its way up-river to spawn

in the stream-bed, surmounted by a small pile of gravel called a redd.

The effort of spawning and guarding the redd exhausts nearly all the parent fish, for they never eat after they return to the fresh water. They become gaunt skeletons, known as kelts. Only a very few kelts ever get back to the sea, and fewer still return for a second spawning. But at least one, a

Where do they go? All that we can say with certainty at present is that it is to some place where they are not caught by trawlers or by the other normal methods of catching sea fish. Scientists have marked large numbers of salmon with metal tags, inscribed on the outside "Cut ends. Letter inside. Reward," in English and two other languages.

In this way we have begun to

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THE TROUBLE WITH JENNINGS

by Anthony Buckeridge

Mr. Wilkins narrowly averts a flood in Darbishire's bathroom (No. 3) by climbing in through the window when the door is jammed. He is then called to bathroom 2, where Jennings has caused a flood by accidentally allowing his snorkel to siphon the bathwater on to the floor. The master leaves the boys to clear up while he goes down to the music room to see if the ceiling is damaged. Jennings is persuaded by the others to go and help Mr. Wilkins.

7. Indoor avalanche

WHEN Jennings reached the music room he found Mr. Wilkins standing in the middle of the floor staring up at the ceiling.

"What have you come down for, Jennings? I thought I told you to mop up the water in the bathroom."

"Yes, I know, sir, but I thought you might like a bucket, sir," the boy replied. "Just in case there were any—er—spots of damp on the ceiling, so to speak." Somewhat to his surprise he noticed that the room had been cleared of furniture. There had not been time for Mr. Wilkins to have done this by himself, and in any case he could hardly have carried out the piano single-handed.

"Come here, Jennings," Mr. Wilkins said quietly. He grasped the lapels of the boy's dressing-gown and led him to the middle of the floor. Then he pointed aloft. "If you look a little more closely at the 'spot of damp' as you so blandly describe it, you'll see why there's no water dripping through at the moment."

Jennings took a closer look. To his horror he saw that the ceiling no longer had a flat surface. The circle of wet plaster above his head was sagging badly in the centre and appeared to be some inches lower than the rest of the ceiling.

"Oh fish-hooks!" he gulped. "It does seem to be bulging just the tiniest bit, doesn't it?"

"It certainly does," Mr. Wilkins retorted grimly. "And for the very good reason that almost the entire contents of your bath have drained towards the middle and collected at that one spot." He flung up his arms and pointed to the danger area. "The weight of water up there above the plaster must be enormous. It's already caused a six-inch depression and

if something isn't done at once the whole ceiling will come down."

The prospect was alarming indeed, and for the second time that evening Mr. Wilkins found himself facing a situation which called for immediate action. He narrowed his eyes and peered once more at the middle of the dark, damp patch. If he were to bore a small hole at the lowest point of the bulge the water would be able to run through into the bucket and the pressure on the ceiling would be relieved. It was not a high ceiling, but even so he would need something to stand on in order to carry out this delicate operation.

Close inspection

Muttering to himself, Mr. Wilkins hurried through the door and returned a few moments later carrying a chair upon which he climbed to inspect the ceiling at close quarters.

"Bring that bucket over here, Jennings, and put it down in front of this chair," he ordered. From his pocket he produced a confiscated penknife and opened it with a loud click.



There was a sudden rush of water as the ceiling gave way

Jennings looked anxious. "I don't think you ought to stick that knife into the ceiling, sir. I don't think it would be safe."

From the height of the bedroom chair Mr. Wilkins glowered down at his worried assistant. "When I want your opinion, Jennings, I'll ask for it, thank you very much."

He turned back towards the ceiling, his knife poised. One quick thrust and the crisis would be over. Mr. Wilkins took careful aim and jabbed the point of the

blade into the middle of the wet patch above his head.

The result was catastrophic. As the knife speared the ceiling there was a sudden rush of water, most of which was caught in the bucket below. Then came the disaster. Before Mr. Wilkins' horrified eyes the small puncture widened into a large hole as a portion of wet plaster loosened by the waterfall disintegrated and fell to the floor. At once the ceiling began to collapse.

Leap for shelter

First the bulging area in the centre came tumbling down in a paste of lumpy whitewash. As the central support was removed other patches broke away, crumbled and fell to the floor. Then, in an avalanche of breaking laths and swirling dust a large portion of the ceiling came cascading down on to the heads and shoulders of the helpless spectators. Even as it fell, Mr. Wilkins leaped from his chair and dashed to the wall for shelter.

"Doh! Great heavens! Look out, boy. Stand clear!" he cried in wild alarm.

Jennings shut his eyes and raised his arm to ward off the effects of the sudden earthquake. "Wow! What's happening? Oh, sir! Help!" he yelled.

When the ceiling had ceased to fall Mr. Wilkins shook his head to remove a layer of debris and made his way back to the middle of the room. His suit was coated with dust and crumbling plaster. White haired and white faced, he peered through the powdered mist and said: "Are you all right, Jennings? Not hurt, or anything?"

I told you so

A dusty ghost in an off-white dressing-gown peered back through the haze. "No, sir. I'm all right, sir. I was only just on the edge of the target area as it happened." Then he opened his eyes wide and looked about him in shocked surprise. Above his head was a large gaping hole through which the floor joists of the bathroom above were clearly visible.

"It did all come down, didn't it, sir?" he pointed out. "I said it would, didn't I, sir? I said you ought not to..."

"All right, all right. That's enough. You needn't go on about it!" Mr. Wilkins snapped.

"No, sir, only... Oh, sir, look at your suit, sir. You've got plaster all over it, sir. If you hadn't stuck that knife in..."

"Never mind my suit. It's the damage to the room that I'm concerned about. Look at the ceiling, boy; just look at it."

Jennings looked at it. "Yes, sir. It's on the floor, sir," he mumbled unhappily. In an effort to find some consolation in the disaster he added: "Still, you did let the water out, sir. And most

of it's gone in the bucket so perhaps it won't leak through to the hall after all."

Mr. Wilkins was in no mood to look on the bright side. He uttered a snort of exasperation which turned into a cough as the settling dust tickled the back of his throat.

At that moment the door swung open. On the threshold stood the headmaster and Mr. Carter who, alarmed by the sound of the crash, had come hurrying along to find out the cause of the disturbance.

"What on earth has happened! Wilkins, what have you been doing?" Mr. Pemberton-Oakes inquired as he surveyed the damage.

His assistant pointed a forefinger at the cause of the trouble. "It's this boy, Jennings, H.M. You can see for yourself what he's done."

The headmaster was astounded. "Jennings has done this?"

"Oh no, sir, I didn't, sir," the boy broke in urgently. "I didn't even touch the ceiling, sir. Sir prodded it with a knife, sir. I did warn him not to, but he wouldn't listen, sir."

The look of disbelief was evident in the headmaster's eye. "Are you trying to tell me, Jennings, that for no apparent reason a member of the staff has perpetrated an act of wanton destruction?" He turned to Mr. Wilkins for enlightenment.

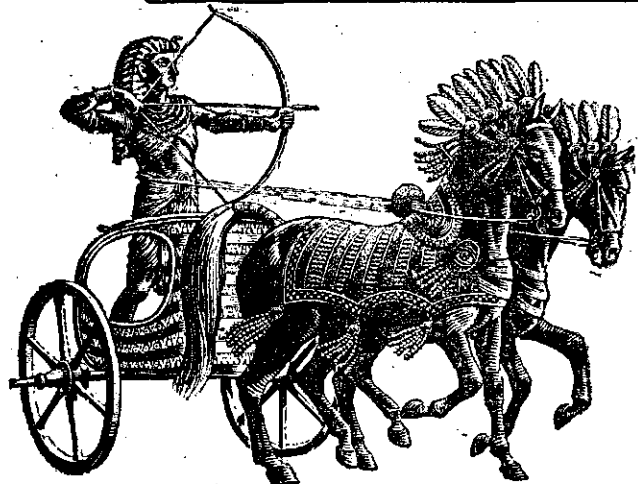
"Well, yes, I did stick a knife into the ceiling..." Mr. Wilkins began.

"You did what?" The headmaster's eyebrows rose three-quarters of an inch.

"...but only because this silly

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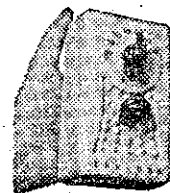
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Although he has lived for many years in the Czech capital, and is now a teacher at the school where he studied as a boy, Karel Svobinsky has never lost his love for the Moravian countryside.

When I wrote to Professor

Svobinsky recently to ask him if he would draw a sketch for the C.N., he sent me the picture shown here. It portrays a girl of his country in the gaily embroidered dress and lace cap which she wears on special occasions.

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C. W. HILL

MIXED DOUBLES

IN each of the following pairs of numbered sentences, the blanks represent two words which sound alike but are spelt differently. Can you write them all correctly?

Answers are given on page 11

- I bought a new — of gloves.
Here is a knife with which to — the fruit.
- The female rabbit is called a —.
Mix flour and water to make —.
- The ship set — for distant shores.
I obtained several bargains in the —.
- Our opponents defeated us and — the game.
They spoke up with — accord.
- He was proud of being a self- — man.
"Where are you going to, my pretty —?"
- The fireman played his — on the blaze.
A good gardener — the soil to break it up.

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"Ask Mac how I can carry on," Young Bob was heard to mutter.

"I cannot climb the mast if father Smothers it with butter."

"Come in, do!"

I'm a door-knocker,

I know you quite well, I've been here for years Instead of a bell.

Some knock quite loudly, Rat-a-tat-tat!

And some very gently, Pit-pat, pit-pat.

Then the door would be opened, And if it were you,

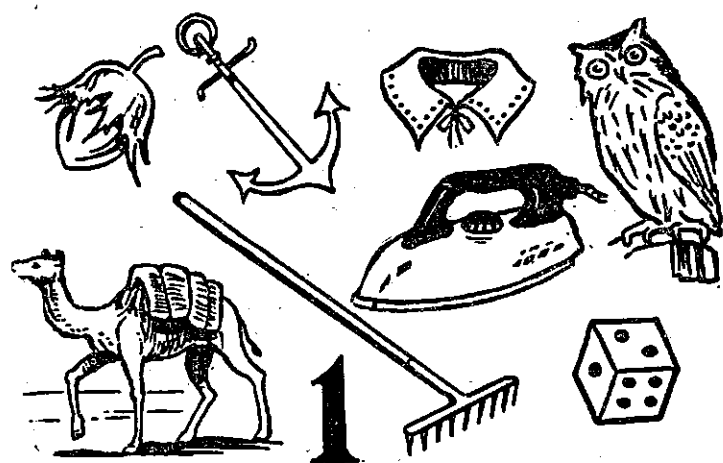
A voice would say gladly, "Come in! Come in, do!"

ADD TWO LETTERS

By adding two letters to the beginning of each of these words, the names of six birds will be formed.

ARROW; ail; rush; bin; over; allow.

What is this musical instrument?



FIRST, write down the names of the objects illustrated. Then re-arrange the initial letters to form the name of a popular musical instrument.

THE TROUBLE WITH JENNINGS

Continued from page 9

little boy caused several gallons of bath water to collect just up there where that hole is."

This time it was Mr. Carter's turn to express surprise. "Jennings did that? But you told me it was Darbishire who was responsible for causing a flood in the bathroom."

"No, no, no, Carter. You've got it all wrong."

"But I distinctly remember, Wilkins. When we went to fetch that ladder you told me that Darbishire had locked himself out of the bathroom with the tap running."

Irritably Mr. Wilkins said: "That was another flood—an earlier one."

The headmaster listened with growing bewilderment. "I am completely at a loss to understand what's been happening," he complained. "Just how many floods do you reckon to cope with during an evening on duty, Wilkins?"

Mr. Wilkins summoned up all the patience he could muster.

"Let's leave Darbishire's antics out of it for the moment—they're confusing the issue," he said weakly. "In any case, that flood—the first one, that is—didn't happen after all because I got there in time to prevent it. This

business, on the other hand, is far more serious, as you can see."

Briefly he recounted the accident caused by the snorkel. As he reached the climax of the story, the feelings of resentment which had been welling up inside him for some time exploded in a torrent of wrath.

Mindless of the fact that it was now the headmaster's privilege to pass comment on the proceedings, he rounded angrily on Jennings and said: "Just look at the devastation you've caused, boy! What are your parents going to say when they're asked to foot the bill?"

To be continued

SLUSH

AFTER the snow all fresh and white,

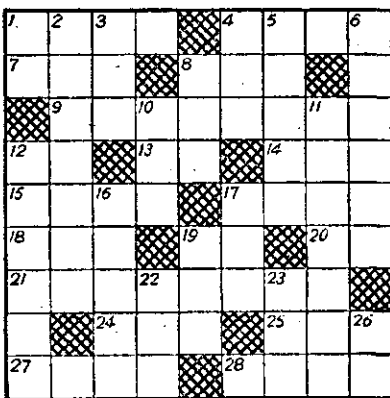
There now appears a dreadful sight

Of horrid, dirty, watery slush, Splashed by buses as they rush.

Just everywhere an awful mess; I like the Winter less and less.

Wendy Robinson, aged twelve

Crossword puzzle



READING ACROSS. 1 Examine closely. 4 Indian city. 7 Highest point. 8 Poem. 9 Saunters aimlessly. 12 Associated Press. 13 That is. 14 Observe. 15 It calls us to church. 17 Confusion. 18 Consumed. 19 Thus. 20 Exists. 21 Instructing. 24 Expected. 25 Hostelry. 27 Powder. 28 Arched recess in a church.

READING DOWN. 1 Saint. 2 Take part. 3 Large monkey. 4 Total. 5 Web-footed birds. 6 To estimate. 8 Single. 10 Be unwell. 11 Gives up the job. 12 Lessened. 16 Goes in front. 17 Ministry of Information. 19 Feminine pronoun. 22 Sever. 23 Pinch. 26 Compass point. Answer next week

Find the football club

The letters in the words printed in italics can be re-arranged to form the name of a First Division football club.

THE free-kick was placed so well that the centre-forward had only to nod the ball into the net. "Great!" cried Tom. "Pip may be rather small as centre-forwards go, but he has the guile of a serpent. He's a real thorn in the flesh of the opposing side today."

TAKING AWAY AND LEAVING MORE

HERE is a little catch which you can try on some of your friends.

Start by saying that while you have only six apples, you will be able to show that you could seemingly give away nine. First:

Two are given to Tom, leaving 4. One is given to Fred, leaving 3. One is given to John, leaving 2. Two are given to Dick, leaving 0.

It will be seen that the total in the last column reaches nine, although only six are actually given away.

The reason for this, of course, is that the figures in the last column show the number of apples left after each distribution, and have nothing to do with the original total.

Who?

ONE day it will happen, Maybe quite soon, A man from this planet Will go to the Moon.

Someone will launch him, With—"Three—two—one—zero!" And history will mention This first Space-Age hero.

His name and his country? We haven't a clue! He's growing up somewhere, Perhaps it is YOU!

BILLY GOES WITHOUT HIS SWEETS

WHEN Daddy first bought the car Billy was a most enthusiastic cleaner; it was fun to put on his swimming costume and spray the hose all around. But now his keenness had worn off. For one thing Daddy would not let him use the hose in the Winter, and for another the water was too jolly cold.

But this week Billy had spent his pocket-money in advance. There was no chance of any sweets... unless he could do a job for Daddy.

Cleaning the car! The very thing! He quickly filled a bucket with warm water and was soon busy at work.

Half an hour later he stood back and admired the results. Daddy should be pleased with that. But wasn't there something else? Ah yes, Daddy often lifted the bonnet and put some water somewhere in the engine.

Billy propped up the bonnet and peered inside. He couldn't quite remember what Daddy did, but it must be something to do with cleaning. He emptied the

remainder of the water inside and began polishing.

The first thing Daddy noticed when he returned home was the bright and shiny car. "Well done, Billy," he said. "That's certainly worth sixpence. Now I must dash round to see Mr. Tompkins before he leaves."

He got into the car and pressed the starter. Nothing happened. Again and again he pressed the starter but the engine would not start. Finally he got out and lifted the bonnet. Then he saw the little pools of water on top of the battery and immediately guessed what had happened. "Billy!" he roared. "Come here."

But Billy was not to be seen. He had decided to go without his sixpence!

In the last story about Billy, our young hero returned home in a toboggan drawn by his dog Rover. It has since been pointed out that in this country it is illegal to harness a dog to anything. Unknowingly, therefore, Billy was acting against the law, and we trust that none of our young readers will follow his naughty example.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

Hidden dogs. Chow; Mastiff. Add two letters. Sp-arrow; qu-ail; th-rush; ro-bin; pl-over; sw-allow. Find the football club. Preston North End. What is this musical instrument? Accordion.

MIXED DOUBLES

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F.A. CUP

Fourth Division side still fights on

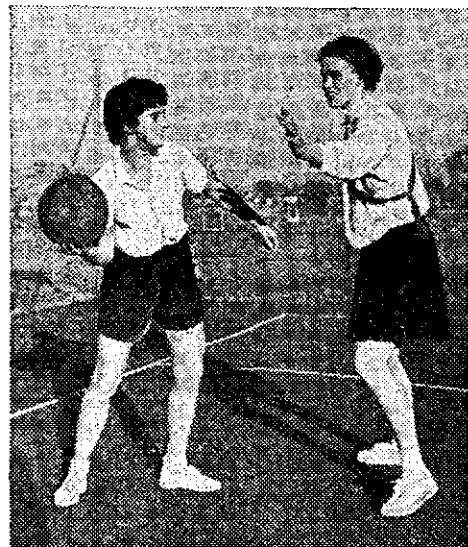
HIGHLIGHT of the Fifth Round F.A. Cup matches to be played on Saturday is the game between Manchester United and Sheffield Wednesday. These two teams last met in the Cup two years ago, a fortnight after the tragic air disaster at Munich in which many of the United players lost their lives or were badly injured. The acting manager was so uncertain about the composition of his team that the programme of the match had blanks in place of the players' names. Yet Sheffield Wednesday were beaten three-nil.

Luton Town, last season's losing finalists, cannot be facing the visit of Wolverhampton Wanderers with any confidence. Earlier this season they lost five-one to Wolves, and at present are sitting

unhappily at the bottom of the League table.

The other two First Division clashes are between Leicester City and West Bromwich, and Tottenham Hotspur and Blackburn Rovers. After their 13-2 defeat of Crewe Alexandra in the Fourth Round, Spurs are stronger favourites than ever to win the Cup.

Preston and Burnley complete the First Division quota. Preston are at home to Brighton and Burnley travel to meet Third Division Bradford City. The last two matches are between Aston Villa and Port Vale; Sheffield United and Watford, the only Fourth Division club still left in. Few people expect little Watford to be in the competition after Saturday, but who knows? Anything can happen in the Cup.



FOR ENGLAND NETBALL TRIALS

Pat Trevitt of Hull, and Anne Hazelton of Hayle, Cornwall, have both been chosen for the England netball trials this week at the W.R.A.C. Depot, Guildford.

SPORTS SHORTS

THE Sheffield Wednesday Football Club have been presented with a nameplate from the locomotive 61661 *Sheffield Wednesday*. A similar gift was made when No. 61649 *Sheffield United* was also withdrawn from service for scrapping.

RUSSIA has announced that her athletes will compete in every event in the Olympic Games this summer. She will send a team of over 500.

NINE months ago, high-jumper John Thomas had his foot badly injured in a lift accident and for some time it was feared he might never jump again. Now this 18-year-old Boston University student has broken his own world indoor record with a leap of 7 feet 1½ inches.

A HUGE sports centre is to be built in Jakarta, capital of Indonesia. Its main stadium (which seats 100,000 spectators), the swimming pool, and hand games courts will be roofed to give protection from the sun.

THE Spurs and Scotland wing-half Dave Mackay sent his wife to Scotland for the birth of their third child a few weeks ago so that if it was a boy he would be eligible to represent Scotland. It was a girl. So Dave cannot present Scotland with a ready-made half-back-line.

THEY are still chuckling in Australia about the club tennis player who entered for the national championships. Being on holiday in Brisbane at the time, he decided that he would enter his name. By some strange chance his entry was accepted though many first-class players were turned down. He lost 6-0, 6-0, 6-0.

beautiful grounds in the world. Like so many West Indian grounds it has seen some very high individual scoring. It was at Kingston in 1930 that Andy Sandham scored 325, and in the same match George Headley hit 223 for the West Indies. In 1935 Headley scored 270 not out there; and in the Fifth Test of the 1954 tour Len Hutton hit 205, to help England record their first victory on this ground.

Chess champion

PROUD cup-winner of the boys under 14 class in the Junior Chess Championships of Greater London, is 13-year-old Michael Basman of Surbiton (Surrey) County Grammar School. He competed against over 100 other children from all over the London area in the London Chess Championships. He has only been playing for a year, and this was the first contest he had entered.

Michael is now hard at practice for his next big tournament when—early in April—he will be competing in the Southern Counties Junior Championships at Bognor.



Boy who started rugby

IN 1823 William Webb Ellis "with a fine disregard for the rules of football as played in his time first took the ball in his arms and ran with it thus originating the distinctive feature of the Rugby game."

He later became rector of St. Clement Danes, the London church which is now the shrine of the R.A.F. And on Sunday a plaque listing the names of all the incumbents since 1325, including William Webb Ellis, will be unveiled. It has been presented by the R.A.F. Rugby Union.

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Why is South African batsman Jackie McGlew sometimes described as "McGlue"?
2. Where will the 1962 Empire Games be held?
3. How many teams have won the F.A. Cup and League Championship in the same year?
4. World motor-cycle champion John Surtees is to tackle a new sport. What is it?
5. Who is odd man out: Finney, Matthews, Charlton, Wright?
6. What does T.T. stand for?

1. Because of the time he "sticks" at half-back. 2. Tourist Trophy. 3. Two—Preston (1889) and Aston Villa (1897). 4. Car racing. 5. Billy Wright. 6. T.T. stands for the wicket. 2. Perth (Western Australia).

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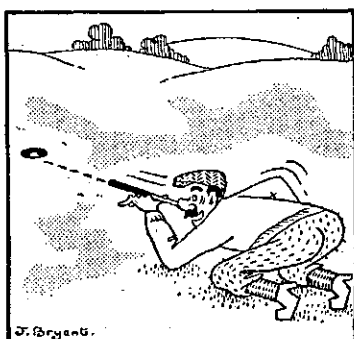
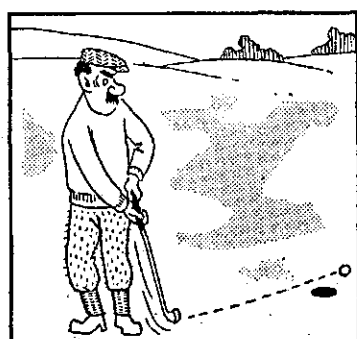
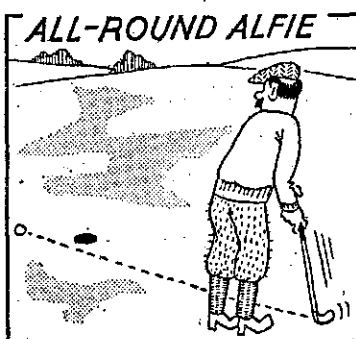
HEADS HIGH FOR THE THIRD TEST

THE England players go into the Third Test Match against the West Indians this Wednesday with their heads held high. And well they may. The team which few people gave a chance of winning a Test, let alone the series, drew the first game and won the second by 256 runs.

Particularly encouraging is the fact that the honours have been shared among the English players. Barrington, Dexter, and Smith

have made big scores; and the wickets have fallen to fast and slow bowlers alike, "new boy" David Allen being specially successful. When Peter May and Colin Cowdrey begin making big scores, as surely they must, this England side may emerge as one of the most successful for several years.

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